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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
(MINES-II)

CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ANDHRA PRADESH MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1966.

[G.O.Ms.No.51, Industries & Commerce (Mines-II), 28th March, 2018.]

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act No.67 of 1957), the Governor of Andhra Pradesh hereby makes the following amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1966 issued in G.O.Ms.No: 1172, Ind. & Com. (B.I) Department, dated 4th September, 1967, as subsequently amended from time to time:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

1. for rule 9(i), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"9 (i): Every application for grant or renewal of quarry lease for any minor mineral except Sand, Granite, Marble and 31 Minerals in respect of a land shall be made on Form B along with a sketch/plan drawn to the scale demarcating the boundaries duly incorporating the Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS) readings of each corner/boundary of the applied area to the Assistant Director Mines and Geology in whose Jurisdiction the land lies."

2. for rule 12 (1), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"12(1):-A Quarry lease for any minor mineral except Granite useful for cutting and polishing, Marble and the 31 minerals mentioned at Sl. No. 18 to 48 in Schedule-I of rule 10 shall be granted subjected to the provisions sub-rules (2) and (3) by Deputy Director on an application in Form-B made to the Assistant Director of Mines & Geology, concerned. Each application shall be accompanied by a sketch drawn to the Scale demarcating the boundaries incorporating the DGPS readings (Geo Co-ordinates) duly signed by the applicant and by a qualified Surveyor. Every application shall be accompanied by treasury or bank challan for Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand) towards non-refundable application fee and a deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) for every hectare or part thereof by a treasury challan in a Head of Account notified by the Director for this purpose. The Deposit amount shall be refundable when the application is rejected on technical grounds like non availability of area, rejection of No Objection Certificates (NOC).

The deposit amount shall be forfeited when the applicant fails to attend Survey and inspection, withdrawal of the application by the applicant, non execution of the lease and for any other lapse on the part of the applicant.

Provided that the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited is exempted from payment of deposit."

3. for rule 12 (5) (ai), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"12(5) (ai):- A Prospecting License or Quarry Lease for Granite useful for cutting and polishing, Marble and 31 minerals mentioned at Sl. No. 18 to 48 in Schedule- I of Rule 10 shall be granted by the Director on an application made to the Assistant Director of Mines and Geology concerned in Form N or P and each such application shall be accompanied by a plan drawn to the Scale with DGPS reading in proper notation as a accuracy level of five digits in seconds in the location or position format as hddd.mm.ss.sssss for each corner or angle termination while demarcating the boundaries and incorporating the DGPS readings (Geo Co-ordinates) duly signed by the applicant and by a

qualified Surveyor and by a treasury challan for Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand) towards non-refundable application fee and a deposit of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand) for every hectares or part thereof by a treasury challan in a Head of Account notified by the Director for this purpose. The deposit amount shall be refundable when the application is rejected on technical grounds like Non availability of area, rejection of No Objection Certificate (NOC). The deposit amount shall be forfeited when the applicant fails to attend Survey and inspection, withdrawal of the application by the applicant, non execution of the lease and for any other lapse on the part of the applicant.

Provided that the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited, (a wholly owned State Government Undertaking) is exempted from payment of deposit in case of applicant in Forest area.

If the applicant finds difficult in submitting DGPS reading at the time of filling applications, he/she/they submit the same within 30 days from date of receipt of application. If the applicant fails to submit the same within 30 days, it will be rejected U/R 13(1) of APMMC Rules 1966 under non- submission or insufficient material papers."

4. for rule 13 (1), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"13(1):-The applications for the grant of quarry leases for any minor minerals 2[except sand, granite useful for cutting and polishing and marble] shall be disposed of by the Deputy Director concerned. The Deputy Director concerned shall reject the applications in the event of default on the part of the applicants for not attending inspection or survey or non-submission of Mineral Revenue Clearance Certificate or any other material papers or insufficient submitted material papers as required by Deputy Director concerned."

5. for rule 16 (2), the following shall be substituted namely,-

"16(2): Every application for surrender of part of the leasehold area in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (1) shall be accompanied by [a deposit of Rs. 500/-] for meeting the

expenditure for the purpose of survey and demarcation of the area to be surrendered with the plan showing surrendered area and retained area in the manner as prescribed Under rule 12(5)(a)(i) of APMMC Rules 1966:

Provided that where a lessee applies for the surrender of the whole or part of the leasehold area on the ground that such area is barren or the deposits of minerals being since exhausted or depleted to such an extent that it is no longer economical to work such area, the 1[Deputy Director or the Director of Mines and Geology] shall permit the lessee, from the date of receipt of the application, to surrender that area if the following conditions are satisfied, namely:—

- (a) The leasehold area to be surrendered has been properly surveyed and the retained area is contiguous;
- (b) The lessee has paid all the dues payable to the Government under the lease upto the date of application;
- (c) Surrender of the area by the lessee has not already been permitted earlier.”

6. for rule 31 (VI), the following shall be substituted namely,-

“31 (VI)(a): The lessee shall, effect and maintain at his own expense, boundary pillars of substantial material, standing not less than one meter above the surface of the ground at each corner or angle in the line of the boundary of the area under lease or permit as per lease deed plan with DGPS reading as presented Under rule 12(5)(a)(i) of APMMC Rules, 1966 and at intervals of not more than 183 metres along with the boundary, delineated in the plan attached to the area under lease or permit.

31 (VI)(b):- For the Leases whose boundaries are not taken DGPS readings (Geo Co-ordinates) shall record the readings by the empanelled agency by the Department for this purpose and erect the boundary pillars all around the corners with the readings.”

B. SREEDHAR,
Secretary to Government (Mines).